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SUBJECT: CABINET DISCUSSION ON ISRAELI-U.S. VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE
EAST

1. AT THE CABINET MEETING ON APRIL 24 BOTH FOREIGN MINISTER
ALLON AND ACTING PRIME MINISTER SHIMON PERES ADDRESSED
THE SUBJECT OF ISRAELI AND U.S. ATTITUDES ON MIDDLE EAST
NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE CABINET COMMUNIQUE, ALLON
DID NOT RULE OUT ISRAELI-U.S. DIFFERENCES OVER "QUESTIONS
OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE."

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2. WITH REFERENCE TO ISRAEL-U.S. AFFAIRS, THE FOREIGN
MINISTER STATED THAT ACCREDITED AMERICAN FACTORS HAD RE-
CENTLY DENIED REPORTS PUBLISHED BY ARAB LEADERS AND
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA CONCERNING OSTENSIBLE AMERICAN
POSITIONS REGARDING A NUMBER OF BASIC QUESTIONS OF THE
ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT, SUCH AS IN THE MATTER OF PEACE
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BORDERS AND THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOREIGN MINISTER REMARKED
THAT AMERICAN DENIALS NOTWITHSTANDING--TAKING PREVIOUS
AMERICAN PRONOUNCEMENTS INTO ACCOUNT, THERE COULD BE
NO EXCLUSION OF POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BE-
TWEEN THE U.S AND ISRAEL ON QUESTIONS OF PRIMARY

IMPORTANCE. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE FOREIGN MINISTER MENTIONED THE ISSUE OF DEFENSIBLE BORDERS--STRESSING THAT NO TECHNICAL MEANS OR OTHER SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE CONSIDERED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR DEFENSIBLE BORDERS FOR ISRAEL, BUT ONLY AS SUPPLEMENTING THEM. END TEXT

4. PERES ON THE OTHER HAND, ACCORDING TO BE CABINET COMMUNIQUE, EMPHASIZED U.S.-ISRAELI SOLIDARITY IN THE SEARCH FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE. BEGIN TEXT

MINISTER SHIMON PERES SAID THAT HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., WHICH ARE A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF ISRAEL'S POLICY, WOULD CONTINUE AND BE ENTRENCHED--DESPITE THE ARAB LEADERS' ATTEMPTED INTERPRETATIONS OF U.S. POSTIOS. HE FURTHER STATED THAT ISRAEL WOULD CONTINUE IN ITS EFFORTS TO ATTAIN PEACE SETTLEMENTS WITH THE ARAB STATES. THESE EFFORTS WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN THE FUTURE, TOO, INLINE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CABINET AND WHICH HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY THE KNESSET. MR. PERES SAID THERE WAS NO ROOM OR NEED FOR AN IMMEDIATE DETAILED POLITICAL DISCUSSION IN THE CABINET. AT THIS HOUR, IT COULD BE ASSUMED THAT THE TIME FOR A BROAD POLITICAL DISCUSSION WOULD NOT COME ABOUT OTHER THAN UPON FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS--UNLESS NEW POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES OBLIGATED DISCUSSION BEFOREHAND. MINISTER PERES ADDED THAT ACCORDING TO ALL INFORMATION IN ISRAEL'S UNCLASSIFIED

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POSSESSION, THERE WAS AS YET NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE POSITION OF THE ARAB STATES' LEADERS ON THE QUESTIONS OF PEACE WITH ISRAEL. END TEXT DUNNIGAN

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